

Washington, D.C. – San Antonio Congressman Charlie Gonzalez issued the following statement regarding the possible government shutdown due to a lack of compromise on the continuing resolution:

“Millions of Americans are suffering as a result of recent deadly natural disasters. In Texas alone, wildfires have devastated hundreds of homes and billions of dollars of property losses. Hurricanes, tornadoes, and floods across the country have claimed the lives of hundreds of Americans, destroyed thousands of homes, businesses, and roads, and caused further billions in damage. During these dire times, the American people need a government that will come together to act on the behalf of the victims of these natural disasters. Instead, the Tea Party Republicans create a false choice between vital disaster relief and job creation. Fiscal responsibility must be a priority for our country, but we cannot blindly pursue it at the expense of urgent aid for victims of natural disasters and good paying American jobs.”

In the House Republican passed continuing resolution, GOP leadership eliminated the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing (ATVM) loan program in order to pay for urgent aid for victims of natural disasters. The elimination of the ATVM program could eliminate 10,000 jobs, and helps decrease America’s reliance on imported oil from unstable nations. The ATVM loan program was created by President George W. Bush, and its elimination was opposed by the [U.S. Chamber of Commerce](#) and the [National Association of Manufacturers](#).

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